

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 8, 2019

10:30 a.m.

* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **bold print**

THE TIME OF CENTERING

Faithful God, in Jesus you show us a way of humility and hospitality with power to transform our world. Give us the grace to love those things that please you and the courage to live them to your glory. Amen.

THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH GATHERS

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in B flat
Jeffrey DeVault, organ

Johann Krebs

WELCOME

Rev. Steve Clark

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS

Behold, God Is My Salvation
Chancel Choir

Eric Thiman

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as the family of God,
bound together in the body of Christ.

We gather as the children of God,
called together in the presence of the Spirit.

We gather this day to worship God
and join our lives in the life of the church.

Let us worship the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 401

Here in This Place

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, all that we have is a gift from you,
yet we do not live lives of gratitude.
We ignore strangers and turn away from those in need.
We seek honor for ourselves and allow pride to take root in us.
Forgive our foolish ways, O God,
and restore us to you, that we may walk in the way of love.
Lord of Life, hear our prayers . . . *(silent confession)*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE (all sing)

Gloria Patri

NO. 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen**

*GREETING OF PEACE

Since God has made peace with us, let us make peace with each other.
The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you. *(We greet each other: "The peace of Christ be with you.")*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Christina Pressley

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 30

p. 439

Mark 1:40-44

p. 813

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Steve Clark

*HYMN NO. 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Lord, Lay Your Healing Hands on Me

Rollo Dilworth

Chancel Choir; Maria Hess, soloist

Refrain:

Lord, lay your hands upon me, I need a healing!
Oh, Lord, won't you lay your healing hands upon me?

- v. 1: There was a man who was a leper who was healed of his infirmity.
 The Lord touched him (ain't that a healing) and he was healed (a might good healing!)
- v. 2: There was a man who was a deaf mute who was healed in Galilee.
 The Lord touched him (ain't that a healing) and he was healed (a might good healing!)
- v. 3: There was a man who needed healing. He was blind and he could not see.
 The Lord touched him (ain't that a healing) and he was healed (a might good healing!)

*DOXOLOGY (all sing)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

NO. 607

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

For your gifts that live all around us in creation, O God,
we give you thanks.

For your gifts that come from the servanthood of your Son, O God,
we give you praise.

For the gifts that arise in our daily lives
through the work of your Holy Spirit, O God,
we give you thanks.

Make these gifts flourish on earth to your glory. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us open our hearts.

We open them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us pray . . .

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DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

All are welcome to receive communion. Please come forward for intinction. When you get to the Table, take a piece of bread from the tray and dip it in the cup. Eat immediately. (We serve grape juice instead of wine and offer gluten-free alternatives so that all may partake.)

COMMUNION HYMN (all sing) *Come to the Table of Grace*

No. 507

v. 1: **Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.**

This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.

Come to the table of grace.

v. 2: **Come to the table of peace...**

v. 3: **Come to the table of love...**

v. 4: **Come to the table of hope...**

v. 5: **Come to the table of joy...**

*HYMN NO. 295

Go to the World!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE (choir only)

Amen

Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

Chartres

Richard Purvis

Jeffrey DeVault, organ

Welcome visitors! We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Please record your name, address, and phone number/email on one of the Connection Cards in the pew and introduce yourself to the pastor as you leave. *All are invited to join us for our Homecoming Picnic after church in Fellowship Hall and the church parking lot.*



Large-print bulletins, hymnals, and Bibles are available for use during the worship service. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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Assisting in the service of worship are:

Deacon-in-Charge: Dick Carter

Liturgist: Jan Moore

Communion Servers: Jenny Godowsky,
Cynthia Miller, Carol Schlegel

Ushers: Peggy & Dick Carter

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Ellin Foote as we celebrate our fall homecoming and look forward to many upcoming activities.

Weekly Prayer List (follows directory):

Connie Polleck The Phillips family
Abigail Quandt & Don Potter, Daniel Potter



**REMEMBERING
KEN PERSAK**

Ken Persak passed peacefully early Friday morning at Kendal with family by his side.

Ken and Bobbe Persak (d. 2018) joined Concord Presbyterian Church back in its "shoe store days." Daughter Paige and sons Kenneth and Paul grew up as part of our Concord family, and Ken and Bobbe were very active as Sunday School teachers and youth group leaders. Ken was Concord's first Friendship House volunteer, and he and Bobbe also served monthly meals for many years at EDR.

The family plans to hold a memorial service for both Ken and Bobbe here at Concord later in the fall. Details for follow.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL &
FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

(All programs will begin September 15)

Concord's Spiritual Formation team is excited to welcome our children, youth, and teachers back to Sunday School for the 2019/2020 year! We hope you will find meaningful ways to connect with the Spirit and each other as we come together each week!

WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30am Worship in Sanctuary

10:45am Children's Sermon/Lesson

10:50-11:30am Sunday School

- PreK/K (F210/211 for SPARK Rotation)
- Elementary, Grades 1-5 (rotating rooms for Art, Science, Video, Bible Skills & Games, Cooking)
- Middle School, Grades 6-8 (combination of service projects, worship participation, and Bible lessons)

MUSIC

10:00-10:25am Youth Choir and Bells

- Open to youth in Grades 1 and up
- Learn anthems in unison and two-part harmony
- Learn beginning/intermediate bell pieces
- Share our music with the congregation in worship on a monthly basis

CHILDCARE

- Available **9:45am-11:30am** Sunday mornings in Nursery, located in Sunday School hallway.

CALENDAR

Sun., Sept. 8 Steve Clark preaching

Communion, Homecoming Picnic

10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary

11:30am Homecoming Picnic (FH, park)

Mon., Sept. 9

9:00am Diaspora Prayer Group

1:00pm Mary Circle hosted by Peggy Carter

Tues., Sept. 10

11:30am Staff mtg. (A102)

7:00pm Worship & Music (JR)

Wed., Sept. 11

9:30am Mug & Muffin Bible Study w/
Nona Holy (SL)

Thurs., Sept. 12

11:30am Thaddeus Arc Bible Study (Lib)

7:00pm Finance (JR)

7:30pm Chancel Choir (Chapel)

Sun., Sept. 15 Rev. Nona Holy preaching

Sunday School Commissioning, Sea Sunday

9:30am Adult CE (JR)

9:45am Book Club (SL)

10:00am Youth Choir/Bells (F204)

10:30am Worship in the Sanctuary

10:50am Children/Youth Sunday School

5:00pm Youth Group Kick-off (FH)

Mon., Sept. 16

9:00am Diaspora Prayer Group

1:00pm Faith in Literature (Joyce Johnson)



The September issue of the Concord Courier is available in the Narthex and on the website. There's a lot going on – don't miss a thing!



Embracing the Prophets

Sundays, Sept. 8 – Oct. 13

9:30-10:20am, Jessie's Room

Walter Brueggemann, OT scholar & theologian, take us through the poetic prophecy of Hebrew scripture. *What was the message of these prophet in their own time & place? What is their message for us today? Who are today's prophetic voices?* Come join us for lively discussion.

Concord Book Club – Sundays, 9:45-10:25am, Sanctuary Lounge: Meetings will resume **Sept. 15**. We gather to discuss books chosen and read by the group. Contact Heather Janas (hjjanas@gmail.com) for more information.

You are invited to attend our Bible Study groups which discuss the background of the scripture for each Sunday's sermon:

- **Mug & Muffin Bible Study** – Weds. @ 9:30am in the Sanctuary Lounge.
- **Thaddeus Arc Men's Bible Study** – Thursdays @ 11:30am in the Library.

Faith in Literature – Our next meeting will be **Monday, Sept. 16, 1:00pm**, at the home of Joyce Johnson. Reading assignment from *50 Great Short Stories*, ed. by Milton Crane: "The Law" by Robert Coates and "The Tale" by Joseph Conrad. New members always welcome!